

St Leonard's Church, Ryton-on-Dunsmore: Newsletter May 2016

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SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE: May 2016

DATE	Bubbenhall	Baginton	Ryton
May 1 Sixth Sunday of Easter. <i>Rogation Sunday</i>	11.00 a.m: Holy Communion	2.30 p.m: Family fun (in the Village Hall)	9.30 a.m: Parish Communion 6.30 p.m: Evensong
Thursday, May 5: <i>Ascension Day.</i>			7.30 p.m: Holy Communion
May 8 Seventh Sunday of Easter. <i>Sunday after Ascension.</i>	6.30 p.m: Evensong	10.00 a.m: Holy Communion	8.00 a.m: Holy Communion 9.30 a.m: Village Worship.
May 15: Pentecost.	11.00 a.m: Mattins. 8.15 p.m: Holy Communion cancelled- sorry.	10.00 a.m: Holy Communion.	9.30 a.m: Parish Communion. 6.30p.m: Evensong.
May 22: <i>Trinity Sunday.</i>	8.00 a.m: Holy Communion.	10.00 a.m: Holy Communion.	9.30 a.m: Family Service. 6.30 p.m: Holy Communion.
Thursday, May 26: Corpus Christi			7.30 p.m: Holy Communion <i>With guest choir Musica Sacra.</i> <i>Followed by wine and other refreshments.</i>

DATE	Bubbenhall	Baginton	Ryton
May 29: Trinity 1 5th Sunday: One United Benefice service for all our three parishes.			9.30 a.m: United Benefice Parish Communion
June 5: Trinity 2	11.00 a.m: Holy Communion	10.00 a.m: Village Service	9.30 a.m: Parish Communion 6.30 p.m: Evensong
Every Wednesday except May 11th at Ryton: 9.20 a.m: Holy Communion.			
Wednesday, May 11th at Ryton: 11.30 a.m: Holy Communion.			

Your newly Elected PCC members.

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Lent jars in aid of the Motor Neurone Disease Association.

Some generous donations have already been received: if you have not yet returned your donations for this year's Lent Jars appeal, can you please do so as soon as possible?

Thank you very much for your generosity.

Thank you!

Very many thanks to the volunteers who so kindly distributed the leaflets about Easter services to every house in the village. Your help is much appreciated.

2016 Diocesan Pilgrimage - Cloud and Fire - 5 to 15 May

A Walk from Ascension to Pentecost



From Ascension to Pentecost (5th - 15th May 2016) people will be walking together from church to church along the Coventry Way or joining a bishop to walk in the North, South, East or West of the Diocese.

There are five different routes to choose from, and you are encouraged to complete an entire route. However, if that's not possible, you are very welcome to join in for just one or two sections of a route.

It will be a week of prayer with a Bible focus as we seek afresh the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives and in our world.

On Monday, May 9th, the pilgrims will be walking from Stoneleigh to Ryton, via Bubbenhall. They will leave Stoneleigh at 5 p.m. and hope to arrive in Ryton by 8.00 p.m. It is hoped that some people from Ryton and Bubbenhall will join the group for the final section of this walk, along the river and through the fields. If the weather is good, it should be idyllic, and you may even hear the cuckoo! The group will be leaving Ryton, heading for Wolston and Brinklow, on Tuesday May 10 at 5.00 p.m. You are very welcome to join in this section too.

For further details, please click the link below.

Website: www.dioceseofcoventry.org/pilgrimage

Saturday, May 21 from 10.00 a.m: Coffee Morning in aid of Action Research at 23 Church Road.

Bric a brac, plants, cakes and more. Entrance £1 to include tea or coffee. Please come and bring your friends. A big thank you to everyone who came and supported our 'Afternoon Tea'. We raised an amazing £691.73p. Thank you, Sylvia Dixon.



Easter at Church.



Our main service on Easter Day was enhanced by the singing of our Augmented Choir, trained by Barbara Marsh. Very many thanks to them all.

Very many thanks also to Janet Smith, to the kind and generous friends who donated to the Easter Lilies, and to the ladies who gave their time, gifts and generosity in making the church look so beautiful with their floral arrangements.

Easter Day egg-rolling competition.



This year the junior Egg Rolling was won by Leo O'Reilly and the adult prize went to Carolyn Reily

Family Fun: A new service at Baginton.

Come to Baginton Village Hall on Sunday, May 1 at 2.30 p.m., and bring the family for tea and cakes and dancing and activities, followed by a short service.

Good Friday Workshop.

The Good Friday Workshop was very successful this year. The activities included making cards and colourful crosses, arranging flowers, making chocolate nests, cooking hot cross buns and decorating eggs.



Some children helped to create the Easter Garden outside the west door.

The service was enhanced by the singing of some songs from *Jerusalem Joy* by Barbara Marsh's singing group.





St Leonard's Fete – 25 June this year - is in need of your help.

If you can spare a small amount of time on the day or, if not on the day, perhaps in the preparation leading up to the day, then your contribution will be greatly appreciated.

We need helpers on the day in most areas, but specifically this year we are looking for some additional people to help with the **Bouncy castle**: We have established that we need at least 2 teams of 2 people, working in hour long shifts, from 11 am through to around 4.30 pm. This involves taking the money, ensuring the correct number of children are on there at any one time, and watching for safe play.

If you would like to donate a **Raffle Prize** it will be gratefully received.

If you would like to help in the future, canvassing local businesses for support, **please do be in touch**. We have had, for many years now, the benefit of a very special couple who have gathered our raffle prizes, but they would be extremely pleased to hand over this role for future years.

We need help to find **Sponsors**: Do you know anyone who would be willing to sponsor the following items?

- Marquee - £650 all, or part cost would be a great help
- BBQ, Table and Chairs - £330
- Children's Entertainer – Jimbo - £200
- Sound Man - £150.00
- Football Competition Costs: - £480.00

Coventry Brass Band – normally sponsored by Keller.

If you can help please get in touch with Fiona Tetlow on 07738281238
or Frances Wintle at dandfwintle@gmail.com .



Children's Society Boxes.

Diane Dixon writes:

Children's Society Boxes are due to be collected in and opened this month. If you have a box you can bring it to Church, drop off at Gill White's 72 High St, or just give me a ring 024 77983347. Thanks, Diane.

Ryton Evergreens 50+ Club

- 03-05-2016 To Be Announced.
17-05-2016 Rosemary Prosser. Talking about "Tights to Trousers".
07-06-2016 Celebrating Our Queen's 90th Birthday with a party, followed by
Mr Bojangles entertaining us
21-06-2016 To Be Announced.

Our meetings are held in the Village Hall on the first and third Tuesdays of every month from 1.45pm to 3.45pm.

New members are welcome. Please contact John Loudon [02476301269](tel:02476301269)

We use the village mini bus to our meetings in the Village Hall.

The Bells of St Leonard's: An update from John Hammond.

Until recently, the band have been learning how to ring the bells individually. However, this month we reached a significant milestone when we started to ring rounds together. This is where the ringers have to follow each other in descending note order.



We will be practising this with the goal of ringing some rounds for The Queen's birthday in June. Many other churches will be ringing for The Queen, keep an ear out for them.

If you are interested in ringing the bells, why not join us? We meet at the church on Monday evenings from 7:30pm.



Sunday, May 15: Pentecost (Whit Sunday)

Pentecost, Christmas and Easter are the three major festivals of the Church's Year.

Pentecost, the coming of the Holy Spirit, is often called the birthday of the Church, and we shall be celebrating it with Parish Communion at 9.30 a.m. and Evensong at 6.30 p.m. There will also be a celebration of Holy Communion at 10.00 a.m. at Baginton.

Advance Notice: Tom Wintle's Ordination as Priest.

The Ordination of Thomas Gerrard Bede Wintle to the Priesthood will take place on **Sunday, July 3** at 6.00 p.m. at the Abbey Church of St Mary, Nuneaton.

There will be no evensong at St Leonard's Church on that day, to enable parishioners to attend the Ordination service at Nuneaton.

Lunch Club: Seventh Birthday.

We celebrated our 7th birthday with a marvellous lunch, and there were over 40 guests. Many many thanks to our wonderful team of cooks and helpers, who have been so faithful over the seven years in enabling the Lunch Club to go from strength to strength.

If you would like to come to Lunch Club, do give Hazel Smith a ring on 02476 456711.

Free door-to door transport in the Village Minibus.

Meals cost £5.00 for a cooked main course and pudding, plus soft drinks, tea and coffee.

From the Church Register:

26 April at St. Leonard's Church:
The Funeral of Leslie Elliott

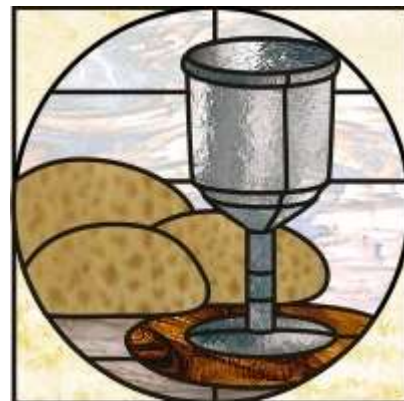
May he rest in peace.



Thursday, May 26 at 7.30 p.m. in St Leonard's Church:
Holy Communion for Corpus Christi

Members of our Guest Choir will again be coming along to help us celebrate Corpus Christi in the accustomed way- with outdoor procession and cheese scones, Buck's Fizz and other refreshments after the service. Our guest organist for this occasion will be Christopher Beaumont, who used to play at St Leonard's some years ago, before his university studies, and who is now Director of Music at St. Nicholas Church, Kenilworth.

Everybody welcome- do come along and celebrate Our Lord's institution of Holy Communion.



Sunday, May 29:

A United Benefice service of Parish Communion for all our three parishes at St. Leonard's Church, Ryton, at 9.30 a.m.

Come and enjoy breakfast in **BUBBENHALL** Village Hall!



First Saturday in every month, from 9.00 – 11.00 a.m. Full English £5.00, or bacon/ sausage etc. batches, tea, coffee- priced per item.

Angela Greenway and Gill Green hope to welcome

you **on May 7**. Do come along and bring your friends!

Many thanks to the Greenway family, to Gill, and all those who are helping them in this venture.

Church Floodlighting

- May 4: In memory of John Thorpe
- May 19: In memory of Ann Crosbie
- May 22: In memory of Letty Wright and Doris Backholler.

Churchyard Tidy-up



We begin a new season of grass cutting in the churchyard and are looking for volunteers to share the work. Many of us have been doing this work for over 20 years and we need help to keep St Leonard's Churchyard looking beautiful.

The team meets on the first and third Saturdays of each month in the growing season, from 10am to 12 noon. An important part of the session is the fellowship of sharing refreshments at 11am. Please consider if you are able to spare an hour to help us from time to time.

We have a beautiful churchyard- please help us to keep it that way!

Photos by David Butler



Ladies' Guild

We meet in the Church Centre on Thursday, 5th May at 7.45 p.m.
“ Mind your Motoring Manners” is the talk to be given by Paula Cornwell.
Please bring own drinks.

Why not join the choir? Why not become a server?

At St Leonard's, we have a **robed choir** which includes older children (aged about 8 and upwards) and teenagers: anyone whose son/daughter likes singing might consider encouraging them to join the choir.

New adult choir members always welcome too: If you enjoy singing and would like to join either the **robed choir** who sing for services twice a month, or the **augmented choir** ("singing for fun" -not robed) who sing for special events such as the Carol Service, please contact Barbara Marsh on 02476 304295. You do not have to be able to sight-read music- we are all learning!



At choir practice we work hard- but each practice only lasts one hour! And we have a brilliant director! Come and join us for fun and fellowship as we work together to produce a good sound.

We also offer the opportunity for children, young people and adults to train to become **altar servers** at the Parish Communion services at both Bubbenhall and Ryton churches. Contact Rosemary on rbking007@btinternet.com or 01788573067 about this.

Oli and Grace serve at the altar and read the prayers at St. Giles' Church, Bubbenhall.



People of all ages get involved at Village Worship and at Family Service.

Village Worship: Second
Sunday of every month,
9.30 a.m.

Family Service: Fourth
Sunday of every month,
9.30 a.m.

Do come along and bring
the children!



Ryton History Group.

We meet from 7.30-9.30pm in the Village Hall.

Subscription: £20.00 per year or £2.50 per meeting

Details from **Steve Garrett 76639228** or **Ann 76302695**

Flower Rota

<u>Date</u>	<u>Altar</u>	<u>Pulpit</u>
May 1	In memory of Audrey le Rossignol	
May 8	In memory of Jean Smith	<i>Flowers by Ros</i>
May 12		<i>Flowers by Ros</i>
May 29	In memory of Dennis J Hill	
May 31	<i>In Memory of Elizabeth Cantrell</i>	
June 12	In Memory of Letty Wright	
June 19	In memory of Wyn Saddler (Hill)	

Janet Smith writes: Thank you to all for donations towards Lilies and gifts of flowers for Easter.

Thought for the Month, from our Rector, the Revd. David Wintle.

I am writing this in late April, so right now Shakespeare's 400th anniversary is being celebrated in various ways with parades and pageants and television programmes and so on.

Aside from six signatures, all spelt differently, the only sample of Shakespeare's handwriting that still exists is a single speech from a play – *Sir Thomas More* – which was written in collaboration with several other writers, was never put on in his time (the official censor didn't like it) and which doesn't even appear in the standard list of Shakespeare's complete works.

I happened to see a televised talk by Sir Ian McKellen in which he recited this speech: incidentally, Sir Ian was almost certainly the first professional actor to play the part of Thomas More in this play, almost 400 years after it was written. The first third or so of the play is – surprisingly perhaps if you know the story of St Thomas More's life – all about a riot in London which erupts because of the arrival of some immigrants, refugees from France.

More is called upon to disperse the rioters and this is part of what he says:

*... go you to France or Flanders,
To any German province, to Spain or Portugal,
Nay, anywhere that not adheres to England,
Why, you must needs be strangers: would you be pleased
To find a nation of such barbarous temper,
That, breaking out in hideous violence,
Would not afford you an abode on earth,
Whet their detested knives against your throats,
Spurn you like dogs, and like as if that God
Owed not nor made not you, ... what would you think
To be thus used? This is the strangers' case;
And this your mountainish inhumanity.*



Things are not so different today; refugees still seek to come to this country, and responses to them are as diverse as those of St Thomas More and the mob in the play.

As Shakespeare's contemporary Ben Jonson said of him, "He was not for an age but for all time".

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.... A few years earlier than Shakespeare, St Teresa of Avila wrote these words: *Christ has no body now on earth but yours, no hands but yours, no feet but yours, yours are the eyes through which Christ's compassion is to look out to the earth, yours are the feet by which He is to go about doing good and yours are the hands by which He is to bless us now.*

Tailpiece: The Red Sea Revisited



Nine year old Joey was asked by his mother what he had learned in Sunday school. "Well, Mum, our teacher told us how God sent Moses behind enemy lines on a rescue mission to lead the Israelites out of Egypt.

When he got to the Red Sea, he had his engineers build a pontoon bridge and all the people walked across safely. Then he used his walkie-talkie to radio headquarters for reinforcements. They sent bombers to blow up the bridge and all the Israelites were saved."

"Now, Joey, is that really what your teacher taught you?" his mother asked.

"Well, no, Mum. But if I told it the way the teacher did, you'd never believe it!"

Contributions for the June Newsletter by May 20th please.

Please encourage others to ask to receive the Newsletter by email: the email version contains more news than there is room for in the paper version, and sometimes cartoons, pictures and jokes. Just contact Rosemary on rosiking2963@gmail.com and ask to be added to the list. No charge!